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## **ICE OFFICERS ARREST ALIEF SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEE** *Nigerian absconder with 2 felony convictions will be deported.*

HOUSTON—Officers with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Detention and Removal Operations here arrested a Nigerian citizen Thursday who is employed by the Alief Independent School District as a science teacher.

Peter Ezekeke, 45, is an aggravated felon who had been originally ordered deported by a federal immigration judge in September 1997.

Ezekeke was convicted of credit card abuse in 1990 and was awarded three years of supervised release. He was also convicted of extortion with the intent to commit bodily injury in 1993, and was placed into removal proceedings after serving his 48-month sentence at the Texas Department of Corrections Jail (TDCJ).

The Board of Immigration Appeals denied Ezekeke's appeal March 20, 2002. He was required to physically report in to the Houston District office on a monthly basis. He violated that order in May 2002.

"Our ICE officers caught up with this twice-convicted violent felon working in a local school district," said Charles Arendale, ICE Houston field officer director for Detention and Removal Operations. "The Alief community and school district are both safer with Mr. Ezekeke off the streets, and ultimately out of the country."

The ICE Houston Fugitive Operations Team apprehended Ezekeke at the Alief School District Administration building last week without incident.

Since he has exhausted his appeals, Ezekeke is ineligible for any other form of relief from deportation. His criminal convictions require his removal from the United States.

He will remain in custody until he is deported to Nigeria.

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